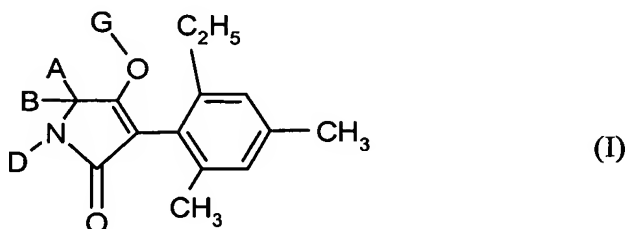


# *Amendments to the Claims*

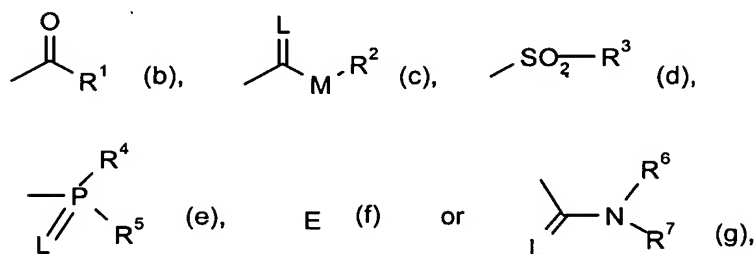
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) ~~Compounds~~ A compound of the formula (I)



in which

G represents hydrogen (a), ~~one of the groups~~



in which

E represents a metal ion equivalent or an ammonium ion,

L represents oxygen or sulphur,

M represents oxygen or sulphur,

R<sup>1</sup> represents in each case optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl or polyalkoxyalkyl, ~~or represents~~ in each case optionally halogen-, alkyl-, or alkoxy-substituted cycloalkyl or heterocyclyl, or

~~represents~~ in each case optionally substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, phenylalkenyl or heteroaryl,

R<sup>2</sup> represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxyalkyl or polyalkoxyalkyl or ~~represents~~ in each case optionally substituted cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl,

R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> independently of one another represent ~~in each case~~ optionally halogen-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino, alkylthio, alkenylthio or cycloalkylthio or ~~represent~~ in each case optionally substituted phenyl, benzyl, phenoxy or phenylthio,

R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> independently of one another represent hydrogen, ~~represent~~ in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, or alkoxyalkyl, ~~represent~~ in each case optionally substituted phenyl or benzyl or R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> together with the N atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted cycle which optionally contains oxygen or sulphur,

A represents hydrogen, ~~represents~~ in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxyalkyl or alkylthioalkyl or ~~represents~~ optionally substituted cycloalkyl,

B represents hydrogen, alkyl or alkoxyalkyl,

D represents hydrogen or ~~represents~~ an optionally substituted radical selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, ~~or optionally substituted~~ and cycloalkyl, or

A and D together with the atoms to which they are attached[[,]] ~~represent~~ form a saturated or unsaturated cycle which optionally contains at least one heteroatom in the A,D moiety and which is unsubstituted or substituted in the A,D moiety,

and, if provided that when

G represents hydrogen (a), then

- A represents hydrogen or alkyl,
- B represents hydrogen or alkyl,
- D represents an optionally substituted radical selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, [[or]] and optionally substituted cycloalkyl, or

A and D together with the atoms to which they are attached ~~represent~~ form a saturated or unsaturated cycle which optionally contains at least one heteroatom in the A,D moiety and which is unsubstituted or substituted in the A,D moiety.

2. (currently amended) ~~Compounds of the formula (I)~~ The compound according to Claim 1, ~~in which, if provided that when~~

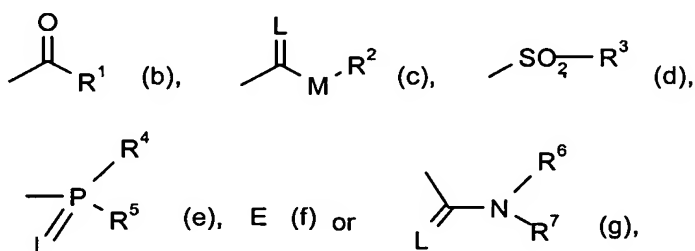
- G represents hydrogen (a), then
- A represents hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl,
- B represents hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl,
- D represents C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, each of which is optionally mono- to pentasubstituted by halogen, or represents C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl which is optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of mono- to trisubstituted by halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy [[or]] and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-haloalkyl, or

A and D together represent a C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkanediyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenediyl group, wherein in which in each case optionally one methylene group is replaced by oxygen or sulphur and ~~which are in each case~~ wherein said C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkanediyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenediyl group is optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of mono- or disubstituted by halogen, hydroxyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl [[or]] and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, or wherein by a further C<sub>3</sub>-

C<sub>6</sub>-alkanediyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenediyl or C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkanedienediyl group is optionally attached to two adjacent carbon atoms of said C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkanediyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenediyl group forming a fused ring system ~~which forms a fused on ring, or~~

and, if provided that when

G represents one of the groups



in which

E represents a metal ion equivalent or an ammonium ion,

L represents oxygen or sulphur, and

M represents oxygen or sulphur,

R<sup>1</sup> represents C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl or poly-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, each of which is optionally mono- to heptasubstituted by halogen, mono- or disubstituted by cyano, monosubstituted by COR<sup>13</sup>, C=N-OR<sup>13</sup>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>13</sup> or

$\text{CO---N} \begin{array}{l} \diagup \text{R}^{13} \\ \diagdown \text{R}^{13'} \end{array}$ , ~~or represents C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl which is optionally~~  
substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of mono- to trisubstituted by halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl [[or]] and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, wherein and in which optionally one or two not directly

adjacent methylene groups of said C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl are optionally replaced by oxygen ~~and/or~~ or sulphur,

~~represents~~ phenyl, phenyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkyl or phenyl-C<sub>2</sub>-alkenyl, each of which is optionally ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfinyl [[or]] and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfonyl, or

~~represents~~ 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl ~~which is~~ optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ halogen [[or]] and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl and contains one or two heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulphur and nitrogen,

R<sup>2</sup> represents C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl or poly-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, each of which is optionally mono- to trisubstituted by halogen,

~~represents~~ C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl ~~which is~~ optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl [[or]] and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, or

~~represents~~ phenyl or benzyl, each of which is optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ halogen, cyano, nitro, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkyl [[or]] and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkoxy,

R<sup>3</sup> represents C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl which is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by halogen, or ~~represents~~ phenyl or benzyl, each of which is optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy, cyano [[or]] and nitro,

R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> independently of one another represent C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkylamino, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl)amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkylthio or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkenylthio, each of which is optionally mono- to trisubstituted by halogen, or represent phenyl, phenoxy or phenylthio, each of which is optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of mono- to trisubstituted by halogen, nitro, cyano, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl [[or]] and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl,

R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> independently of one another represent hydrogen, ~~represent~~ C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkenyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, wherein said C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkenyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl each of which is optionally mono- to trisubstituted by halogen, or ~~represent~~ phenyl or benzyl, each of which is optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of mono- to trisubstituted by halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-haloalkyl [[or]] and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy or R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> together represent a C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylene radical which is optionally mono- or disubstituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl and in which optionally one methylene group is replaced by oxygen or sulphur,

[[R<sup>13</sup>]] R<sup>13</sup> represents C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkynyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, each of which is optionally mono- to trisubstituted by halogen, or ~~represents~~ C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl which is optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of mono- or disubstituted by halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkyl [[or]] and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkoxy and in which optionally one or two not directly adjacent methylene groups are optionally replaced by oxygen, and

[[R<sup>13'</sup>]] R<sup>13'</sup> represents hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl, then

A represents hydrogen, ~~represents~~ C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, wherein said C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl,

C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl  
~~each of which~~ is optionally mono- to trisubstituted by halogen, ~~represents or~~  
~~C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl which is optionally mono- to trisubstituted by~~ substituted  
with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of  
halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl [[or]] and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy,

- B represents hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkyl,
- D represents hydrogen, ~~represents~~ C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy-  
C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, wherein said C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-  
alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl ~~each of~~  
~~which~~ is optionally mono- to trisubstituted by halogen, ~~represents or~~ C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-  
cycloalkyl ~~which is optionally mono- to trisubstituted by~~ substituted with  
one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen,  
C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy [[or]] and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-haloalkyl, or

A and D together represent a C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkanediyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenediyl group, wherein  
~~in which in each case~~ optionally one methylene group is replaced by  
oxygen or sulphur and ~~which are in each case~~ wherein said C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-  
alkanediyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenediyl group is optionally ~~mono- or disubstituted~~  
by substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group  
consisting of halogen, hydroxyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl [[or]] and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy or  
wherein by a further C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkanediyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenediyl or C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-  
alkanedienediyl group is optionally attached to two adjacent carbon atoms  
of said C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkanediyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenediyl group forming a fused ring  
system which forms a fused on ring.

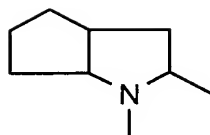
3. (currently amended) ~~Compounds of the formula (I)~~ The compound according to  
Claim 1, ~~in which, if provided that when~~

- G represents hydrogen (a), then
- A represents hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl,

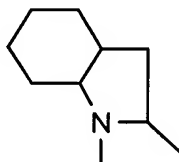
- B represents hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl,
- D represents C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, each of which is optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of ~~mono- to trisubstituted~~ by fluorine [[or]] and chlorine, ~~represents or~~ C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl ~~which is~~ optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of ~~mono- or disubstituted~~ by fluorine, chlorine, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkoxy [[or]] and trifluoromethyl, or

A and D together represent a C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkanediyl group optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkyl and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkoxy, and wherein ~~in which~~ optionally one methylene group is optionally replaced by oxygen or sulphur and which is optionally ~~mono- or disubstituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkoxy,~~

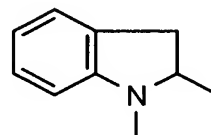
or A and D together with the atoms to which they are attached ~~represent~~ form one of the groups AD-1 to AD-10



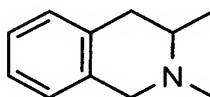
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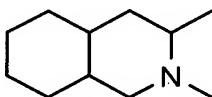
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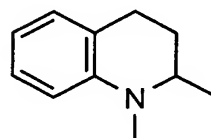
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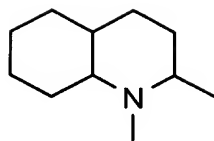


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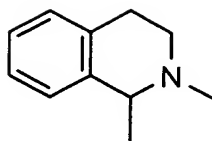


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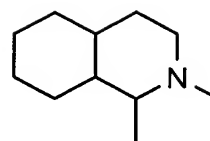




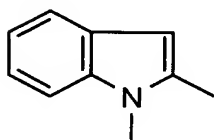
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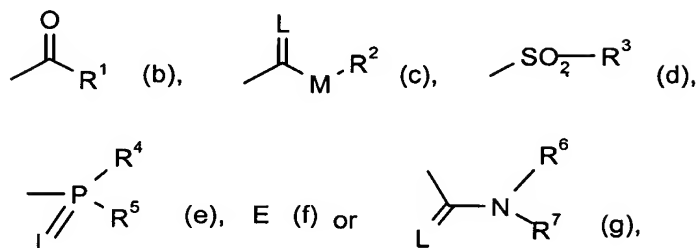
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AD-10

and, if or provided that when

G represents one of the groups



in which

E represents a metal ion equivalent or an ammonium ion,

L represents oxygen or sulphur, and

M represents oxygen or sulphur,

R<sup>1</sup> represents C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkyl, poly-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkyl, each of which is optionally substituted with one to five substituents selected from the group consisting of mono- to pentasubstituted by fluorine [[or]] and chlorine, monosubstituted by cyano or monosubstituted by CO-R<sup>13</sup>,

$C=N-OR^{13}$  or  $CO_2R^{13}$ , or ~~represents~~  $C_3-C_6$ -cycloalkyl ~~which is optionally mono- or disubstituted by~~ substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine,  $C_1-C_2$ -alkyl ~~[[or]]~~ and  $C_1-C_2$ -alkoxy, ~~wherein and in which optionally~~ one or two not directly adjacent methylene groups of said  $C_3-C_6$ -cycloalkyl are optionally replaced by oxygen,

~~represents~~ phenyl or benzyl, each of which is optionally ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, nitro,  $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_4$ -alkylthio,  $C_1-C_4$ -alkylsulfinyl,  $C_1-C_4$ -alkylsulfonyl,  $C_1-C_4$ -alkoxy,  $C_1-C_2$ -haloalkyl ~~[[or]]~~ and  $C_1-C_2$ -haloalkoxy, or

~~represents~~ pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl or thienyl, each of which is optionally ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine ~~[[or]]~~ and  $C_1-C_2$ -alkyl,

$R^2$  ~~represents~~  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_2-C_{10}$ -alkenyl,  $C_1-C_4$ -alkoxy- $C_2-C_4$ -alkyl or poly- $C_1-C_4$ -alkoxy- $C_2-C_4$ -alkyl, each of which is optionally ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine ~~[[or]]~~ and chlorine,

~~represents~~  $C_3-C_7$ -cycloalkyl which is optionally monosubstituted by  $C_1-C_2$ -alkyl or  $C_1-C_2$ -alkoxy or

~~represents~~ phenyl or benzyl, each of which is optionally ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, nitro,  $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl, methoxy, trifluoromethyl ~~[[or]]~~ and trifluoromethoxy,

$R^3$  ~~represents~~  $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl which is optionally ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group

consisting of fluorine [[or]] and chlorine or ~~represents~~ phenyl or benzyl, each of which is optionally monosubstituted by fluorine, chlorine, bromine, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, cyano or nitro,

R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> independently of one another represent C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylamino, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl)amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkenylthio, each of which is optionally ~~mono to trisubstituted by~~ substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine [[or]] and chlorine, or ~~represent~~ phenyl, phenoxy or phenylthio, each of which is optionally ~~mono or disubstituted by~~ substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, nitro, cyano, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkoxy, trifluoromethoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl [[or]] and trifluoromethyl,

R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> independently of one another represent hydrogen, ~~represent~~ C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, ~~each of which~~ wherein said C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl is optionally ~~mono to trisubstituted by~~ substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine [[or]] and chlorine, ~~represent phenyl which is optionally mono or disubstituted by~~ substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, trifluoromethyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl [[or]] and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy or R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> together represent a C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylene radical which is optionally mono- or disubstituted by methyl and in which optionally one methylene group is replaced by oxygen,

R<sup>13</sup> represents C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkynyl, [[or]] C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, or ~~represents~~ C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl ~~in which~~ wherein optionally one methylene group of said C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl is replaced by oxygen, then

A represents hydrogen, ~~represents~~ C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, ~~each of which wherein said~~ C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl is optionally ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine ~~[[or]]~~ and chlorine, or ~~represents~~ C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl which is optionally ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkyl ~~[[or]]~~ and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkoxy,

B represents hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkyl,

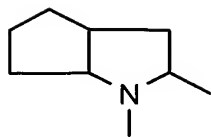
D represents hydrogen or

D ~~also~~ represents C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, ~~each of which wherein said~~ C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl is optionally ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine ~~[[or]]~~ and chlorine, ~~represents or~~ C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl which is optionally ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkoxy ~~[[or]]~~ and trifluoromethyl, ~~with the proviso that in this case provided that~~

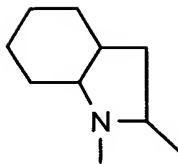
A ~~only~~ represents hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, or

A and D together represent a C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkanediyl group in which optionally one methylene group is replaced by oxygen or sulphur and which is optionally ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkyl ~~[[or]]~~ and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkoxy,

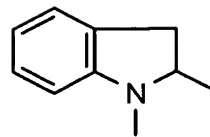
or A and D together with the atoms to which they are attached ~~represent~~ form one of the groups AD-1 to AD-10



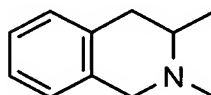
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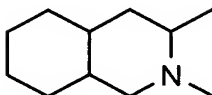
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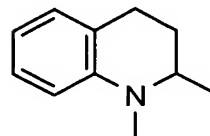
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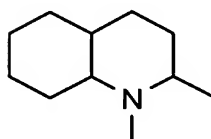
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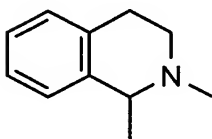
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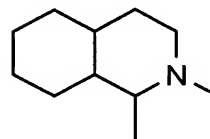
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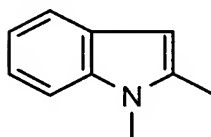
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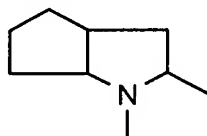
4. (currently amended) ~~Compounds of the formula (I)~~ The compound according to Claim 1, ~~in which, if provided that when~~

- G represents hydrogen (a), then
- A represents hydrogen, methyl or ethyl,
- B represents hydrogen,

D represents methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, isobutyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl, or

A and D together represent a C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkanediyl group in which optionally one methylene group is replaced by oxygen or sulphur and which is optionally mono- or disubstituted by methyl,

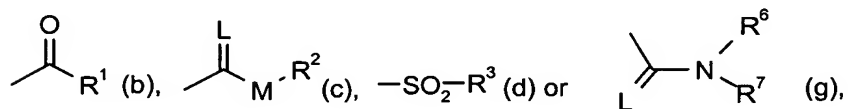
or A and D together with the atoms to which they are attached ~~represent~~ form the following group:



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and, if or provided that when

G represents one of the groups



in which

L represent oxygen, and

M represents oxygen or sulphur,

R<sup>1</sup> represents C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkylthio-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkyl or poly-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkyl, each of which is optionally ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine [[or]] and chlorine, or ~~represents~~ cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl, each of

which is optionally monosubstituted by fluorine, chlorine, methyl, ethyl or methoxy,

~~represents~~ phenyl ~~which is~~ optionally monosubstituted by fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, nitro, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, methylsulfinyl, ethylsulfinyl, methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy, or

~~represents~~ furanyl, thienyl or pyridyl, each of which is optionally monosubstituted by chlorine, bromine or methyl,

R<sup>2</sup> represents C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl, ~~[[or]]~~ C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, cyclopentyl, ~~[[or]]~~ cyclohexyl,

or ~~represents~~ phenyl or benzyl, ~~each of which~~ wherein said phenyl or benzyl is optionally monosubstituted by fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, nitro, methyl, methoxy, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy,

R<sup>3</sup> represents C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl which is optionally ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine ~~[[or,]]~~ and chlorine, or ~~represents~~ phenyl or benzyl, each of which is optionally monosubstituted by fluorine, chlorine, bromine, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, cyano or nitro,

R<sup>6</sup> represents hydrogen, ~~represents~~ C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl, ~~[[or]]~~ allyl, or represents phenyl, wherein said phenyl is ~~which is~~ optionally monosubstituted by fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, methoxy or trifluoromethyl,

R<sup>7</sup> represents methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl or allyl, or

R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> together represent a C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylene radical in which optionally one methylene group is replaced by oxygen, then

A represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, trifluoromethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl,

B represents hydrogen, methyl or ethyl,

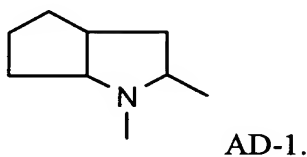
D represents hydrogen or

D ~~also~~ represents methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, isobutyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl, ~~with the proviso that in this case~~ provided that

A ~~only~~ represents hydrogen, methyl or ethyl, or

A and D together represent a C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkanediyl group in which optionally one methylene group is replaced by oxygen or sulphur and which is optionally mono- or disubstituted by methyl, or

A and D together with the atoms to which they are attached ~~represent~~ form the group below:



5. (currently amended) ~~Compounds of the formula (I)~~ The compound according to Claim 1, ~~in which, if~~ provided that when

G represents hydrogen (a), then

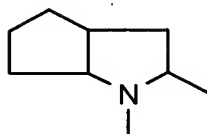
A represents hydrogen, methyl or ethyl,

B represents hydrogen,

D represents methyl, ethyl or cyclopropyl, or



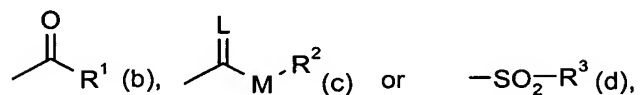
A and D together with the atoms to which they are attached ~~represent~~ form the group below:



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and, if or provided that when

G represents one of the groups



in which

L represents oxygen, [[and]]

M represents oxygen,

R<sup>1</sup> represents C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkyl,

R<sup>2</sup> represents C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl,

R<sup>3</sup> represents C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl,

then

A represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl or isobutyl,

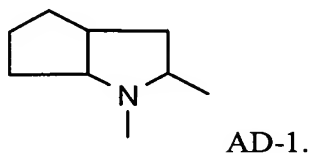
B represents hydrogen, methyl or ethyl,

D represents hydrogen or

D also represents methyl, ethyl or cyclopropyl, ~~with the proviso that in this case provided that~~

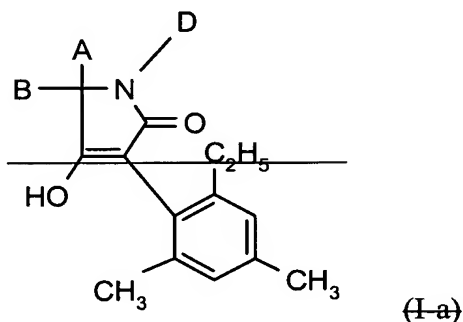
A only represents hydrogen, methyl or ethyl, or

A and D together with the atoms to which they are attached ~~represent~~ form the group below:



6. (currently amended) ~~Process A~~ process for preparing a compound ~~compounds~~ of formula (I) according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that, to obtain comprising~~

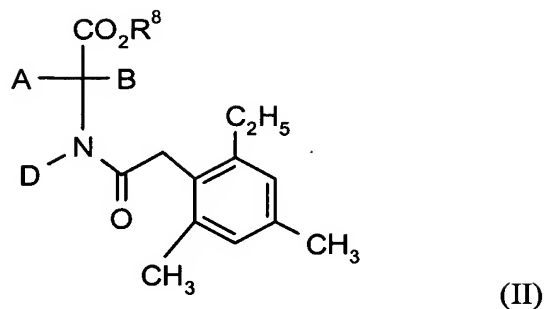
(A) ~~compounds of the formula (I-a);~~



~~in which~~

~~A, B and D~~ are as defined above,

condensing intramolecularly compounds a compound of the formula (II),



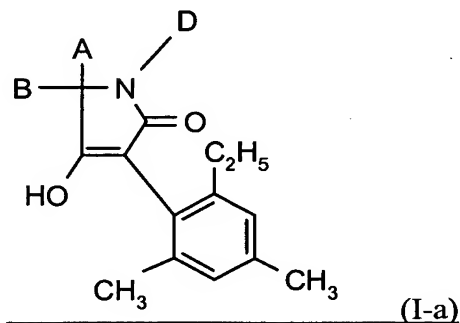
in which

A, B and D are as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1,

and

R<sup>8</sup> represents alkyl,

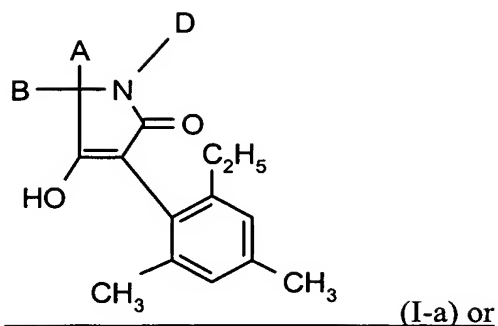
~~are condensed intramolecularly~~ in the presence of a diluent and in the presence of a base, to obtain a compound of the formula (I-a),



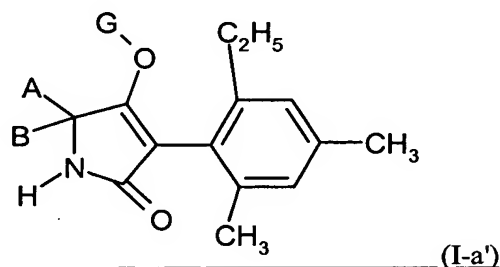
wherein A, B and D are as defined in Claim 1,

- (B) ~~compounds of the formula (I-b), in which A, B, D and R<sup>+</sup> are as defined above, compounds of the formula (I-a) shown above or of the formula (I-a') shown on p. 10 in which A, B and D are in each case as defined above, are reacted~~

reacting a compound of the formula (I-a)

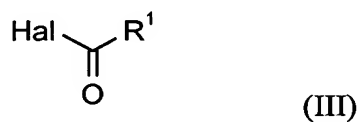


a compound of the formula (I-a')



wherein A, B, and D are as defined in Claim 1 and G is hydrogen,

α) with an acid halides halide of the formula (III),



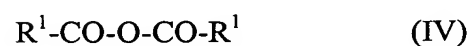
in which

$\text{R}^1$  is as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1 and

Hal represents halogen,

or

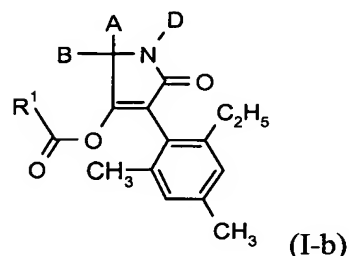
β) with a carboxylic anhydrides anhydride of the formula (IV),



in which

$R^1$  is as defined above in Claim 1,

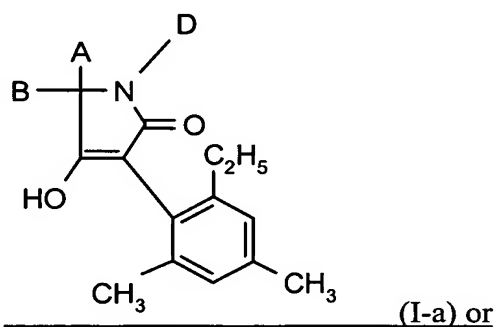
~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a diluent and ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of an acid binder, to obtain a compound of the formula (I-b)



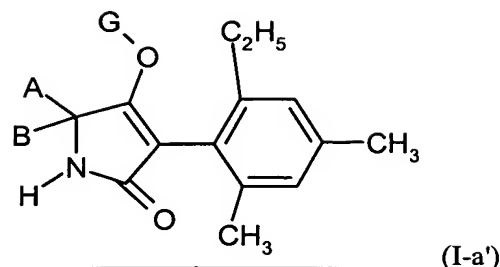
wherein A, B, D, and  $R^1$  are as defined in Claim 1,

- (C) ~~compounds of the formula (I-c) shown above in which A, B, D,  $R^2$  and M are as defined above and L represents oxygen, compounds of the formula (I-a) shown above or formula (I-a') shown on p. 10 in which A, B and D are in each case as defined above, are in each case reacted~~

reacting a compound of the formula (I-a)



a compound of the formula (I-a')



wherein A, B, and D are as defined in Claim 1 and G is hydrogen,

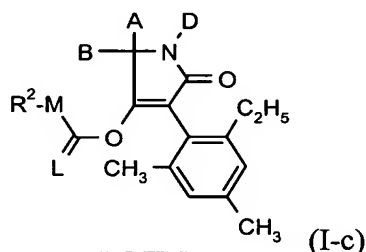
with a chloroformic ~~esters~~ ester or a chloroformic ~~thioesters~~ thioester of the formula (V),



in which

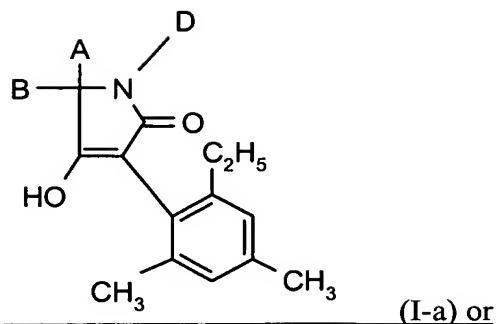
$R^2$  and M are as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1,

~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a diluent and ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of an acid binder, to obtain a compound of the formula (I-c)

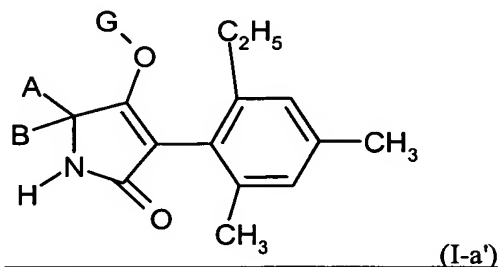


wherein A, B, D,  $R^2$  and M are as defined in Claim 1, and L is oxygen,

- (D) ~~compounds of the formula (I-c) shown above in which A, B, D,  $R^2$  and M are as defined above and L represents sulphur, compounds of the formula (I-a) shown above or of the formula (I-a') shown on p. 10 in which A, B and D are in each case as defined above are in each case reacted~~  
reacting a compound of the formula (I-a)

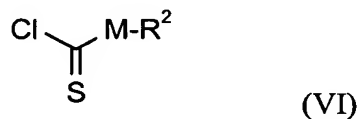


a compound of the formula (I-a')



wherein A, B, and D are as defined in Claim 1 and G is hydrogen,

- α) with a chloromonothioformic esters ester or a chlorodithioformic esters ester of the formula (VI),



in which

M and R<sup>2</sup> are as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1,

~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a diluent and ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of an acid binder,

or

- β) with carbon disulphide and then with a compound ~~compounds~~ of the formula (VII),

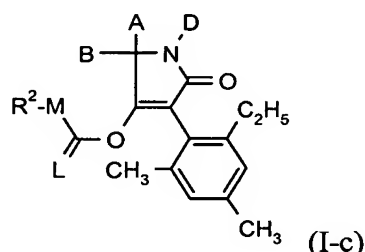


in which

$R^2$  is as defined above in Claim 1 and

Hal represents chlorine, bromine or iodine,

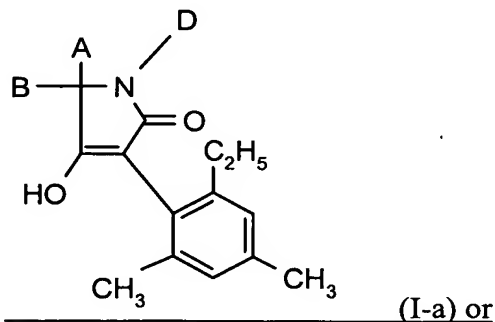
~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a diluent and ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a base, to obtain a compound of the formula (I-c)



wherein A, B, D,  $R^2$  and M are as defined in Claim 1, and L is sulphur,

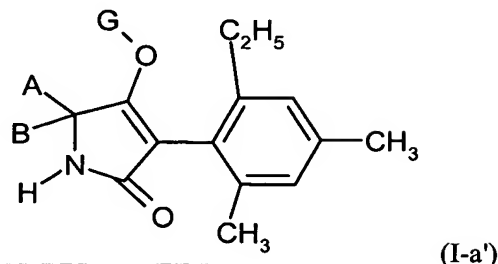
- (E) ~~compounds of the formula (I d), in which A, B, D and  $R^3$  are as defined above, compounds of the formula (I-a) shown above or of the formula (I-a') shown on p. 10 in which A, B and D are in each case as defined above are in each case reacted~~

reacting a compound of the formula (I-a)





a compound of the formula (I-a')



wherein A, B, and D are as defined in Claim 1 and G is hydrogen,

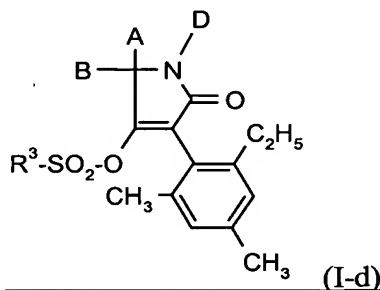
with a sulfonyl chlorides chloride of the formula (VIII),



in which

$R^3$  is as defined above in Claim 1,

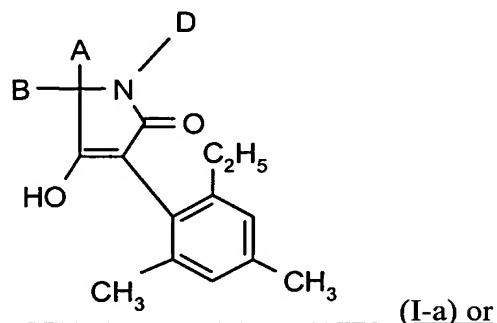
if appropriate optionally in the presence of a diluent and if appropriate optionally in the presence of an acid binder, to obtain a compound of the formula (I-d)



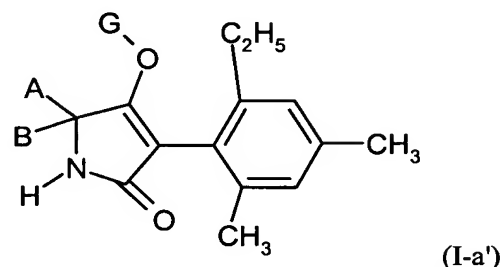
wherein A, B, D, and  $R^3$  are as defined in Claim 1,

- (F) ~~compounds of the formula (I-e), in which A, B, D, L,  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  are as defined above, compounds of the formula (I-a) shown above or of the formula (I-a') shown on p. 10 in which A, B and D are in each case as defined above are in each case reacted~~

reacting a compound of the formula (I-a)

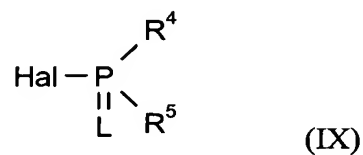


a compound of the formula (I-a')



wherein A, B, and D are as defined in Claim 1 and G is hydrogen,

with a phosphorus compound of the formula (IX),

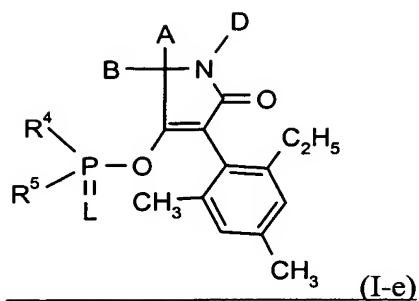


in which

L, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1 and

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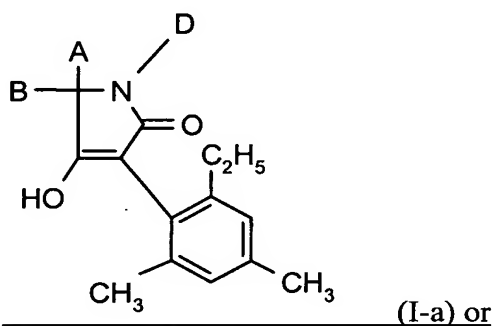
~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a diluent and ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of an acid binder, to obtain a compound of the formula (I-e)



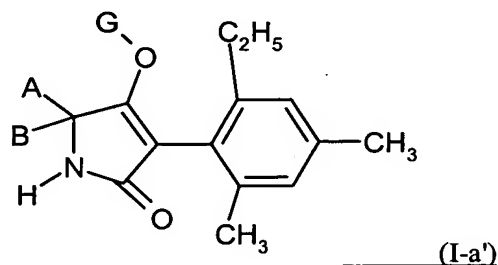
wherein A, B, D, L, R<sup>4</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup> are as defined in Claim 1,

- (G) ~~compounds of the formula (I-f) shown above in which A, B, D and E are as defined above, compounds of the formula (I-a) shown above or of the formula (I-a') shown on p. 10 in which A, B and D are as defined above are in each case reacted~~

reacting a compound of the formula (I-a)

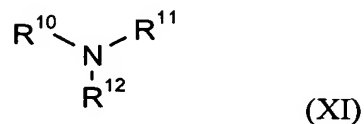
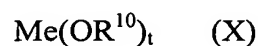


a compound of the formula (I-a')



wherein A, B, and D are as defined in Claim 1 and G is hydrogen,

with ~~a metal compounds~~ compound or an amine ~~amines~~ of the formulae (X) or (XI), respectively,



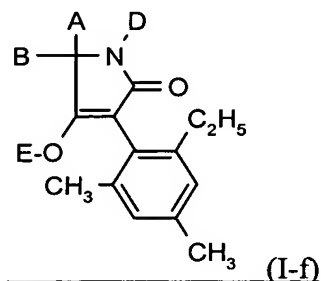
in which

Me represents a mono- or divalent metal,

t represents the number 1 or 2 and

$\text{R}^{10}$ ,  $\text{R}^{11}$ , and  $\text{R}^{12}$  independently of one another represent hydrogen or alkyl,

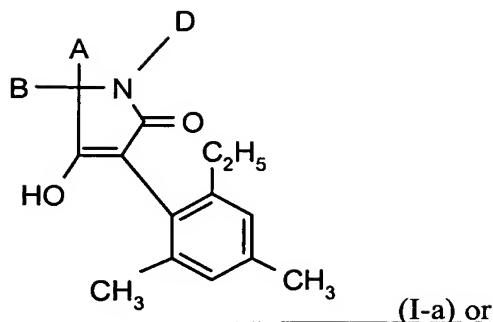
~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a diluent, to obtain a compound of the formula (I-f)



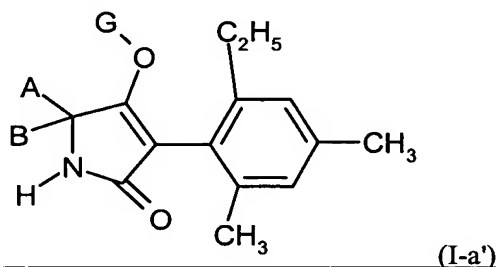
wherein A, B, D, and E are as defined in Claim 1, or

(H) ~~compounds of the formula (I-g) shown above in which A, B, D, L,  $\text{R}^6$  and  $\text{R}^7$  are as defined above, compounds of the formula (I-a) shown above or of the formula (I-a') shown on p. 10 in which A, B and D are as defined above are in each case reacted~~

reacting a compound of the formula (I-a)



a compound of the formula (I-a')



wherein A, B, and D are as defined in Claim 1 and G is hydrogen,

- α) with isocyanates an isocyanate or isothiocyanates an isothiocyanate of the formula (XII),

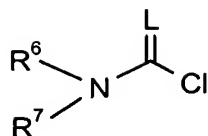


in which

$R^6$  and L are as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1,

~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a diluent and ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a catalyst, or

- β) with a carbamoyl chlorides chloride or a thiocarbamoyl chlorides chloride of the formula (XIII),

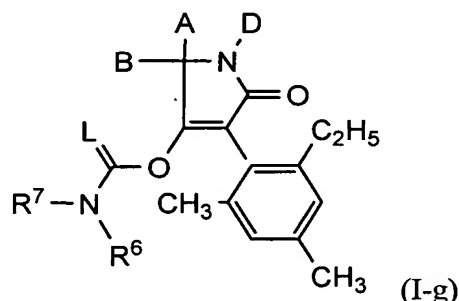


(XIII)

in which

L, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1,

~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a diluent and ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of an acid binder, to obtain a compound of the formula (I-g)



(I-g)

wherein A, B, D, L, R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>7</sup> are as defined in Claim 1.

7. (cancelled)

8. (currently amended) ~~Pesticides and/or herbicides, characterized in that they~~  
comprise A pesticide or a herbicide preparation, comprising at least one compound of  
the formula (I) according to Claim 1.

9. (currently amended) ~~A method Method~~ A method for controlling animal pests ~~and/or or~~ unwanted  
vegetation, ~~characterized in that compounds comprising~~ contacting a compound of the  
formula (I) according to Claim 1 ~~are allowed to act on~~ with pests ~~and/or or~~ their  
habitat or unwanted vegetation.

10. (cancelled)

11. (currently amended) ~~Process A process~~ A process for preparing pesticides ~~and/or herbicides,~~  
~~characterized in that compounds~~ a pesticide or a herbicide preparation, comprising

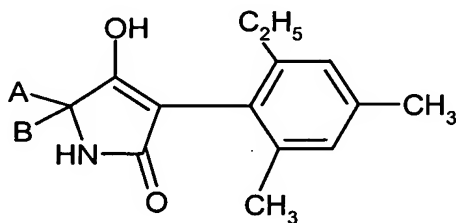
mixing a compound of the formula (I) according to Claim 1 ~~are mixed~~ with one or more extenders ~~and/or~~ or surfactants, or combinations thereof.

12. (currently amended) A composition ~~Composition~~, comprising an effective amount of a combination of active compounds comprising

a') at least one ~~substituted cyclic ketoenol~~ compound of the formula (I) according to Claim 1, ~~in which A, B, D and G are as defined above~~

or

b') at least one ~~substituted cyclic ketoenol~~ compound of the formula (I-a)



(I-a)

in which

A and B are as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1 and

c') at least one crop plant compatibility-improving compound selected from the ~~following~~ group of ~~compounds~~ consisting of:

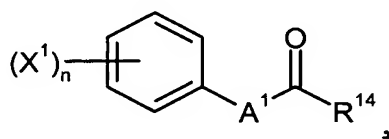
4-dichloroacetyl-1-oxa-4-azaspiro[4.5]decane (AD-67, MON-4660), 1-dichloroacetylhexahydro-3,3,8a-trimethylpyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-6(2H)-one (dicyclonon, BAS-145138), 4-dichloroacetyl-3,4-dihydro-3-methyl-2H-1,4-benzoxazine (benoxacor), 1-methylhexyl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxyacetate (cloquintocet-mexyl [[-]]) ~~ef. also related compounds in EP A 86750, EP A 94349, EP A 191736, EP A 492366~~, 3-(2-chlorobenzyl)-1-(1-methyl-1-phenylethyl)urea (cumyluron),  $\alpha$ -(cyanomethoximino)phenylacetonitrile (cyometrinil), 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D), 4-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)butyric acid (2,4-DB), 1-(1-methyl-1-phenylethyl)-3-(4-

methylphenyl)urea (daimuron, dymron), 3,6-dichloro-2-methoxybenzoic acid (dicamba), S-1-methyl 1-phenylethyl piperidine-1-thiocarboxylate (dimepiperate), 2,2-dichloro-N-(2-oxo-2-(2-propenylamino)ethyl)-N-(2-propenyl)acetamide (DKA-24), 2,2-dichloro-N,N-di-2-propenylacetamide (dichlormid), 4,6-dichloro-2-phenylpyrimidine (fencloirid), ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-trichloromethyl-1H-1,2,4-triazole-3-carboxylate (fenchlorazole-ethyl [[-]] ~~ef. also related compounds in EP A 174562 and EP A 346620~~), phenylmethyl 2-chloro-4-trifluoromethylthiazole-5-carboxylate (flurazole), 4-chloro-N-(1,3-dioxolan-2-ylmethoxy)- $\alpha$ -trifluoroacetophenone oxime (fluxofenim), 3-dichloroacetyl-5-(2-furanyl)-2,2-dimethyloxazolidine (furilazole, MON-13900), ethyl 4,5-dihydro-5,5-diphenyl-3-isoxazolecarboxylate (isoxadifen-ethyl [[-]] ~~ef. also related compounds in WO A 95/07897~~), 1-(ethoxycarbonyl)ethyl 3,6-dichloro-2-methoxybenzoate (lactidichlor), (4-chloro-o-tolyloxy)acetic acid (MCPA), 2-(4-chloro-o-tolyloxy)propionic acid (mecoprop), diethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-5-methyl-1H-pyrazole-3,5-dicarboxylate (mefenpyr-diethyl [[-]] ~~ef. also related compounds in WO A 91/07874~~), 2-dichloromethyl-2-methyl-1,3-dioxolane (MG-191), 2-propenyl 1-oxa-4-azaspiro[4.5]decane-4-carbodithioate (MG-838), 1,8-naphthalic anhydride,  $\alpha$ -(1,3-dioxolan-2-ylmethoximino)phenylacetonitrile (oxabetrinil), 2,2-dichloro-N-(1,3-dioxolan-2-ylmethyl)-N-(2-propenyl)acetamide (PPG-1292), 3-dichloroacetyl-2,2-dimethyloxazolidine (R-28725), 3-dichloroacetyl-2,2,5-trimethyloxazolidine (R-29148), 4-(4-chloro-o-tolyl)butyric acid, 4-(4-chlorophenoxy)butyric acid, diphenylmethoxyacetic acid, methyl diphenylmethoxyacetate, ethyl diphenylmethoxyacetate, methyl 1-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate, ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate, ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate, ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate, ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate (~~ef. also related compounds in EP A 269806 and EP A 333131~~), ethyl 5-(2,4-dichlorobenzyl)-2-isoxazoline-3-carboxylate, ethyl 5-phenyl-2-isoxazoline-3-carboxylate, ethyl 5-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-phenyl-2-

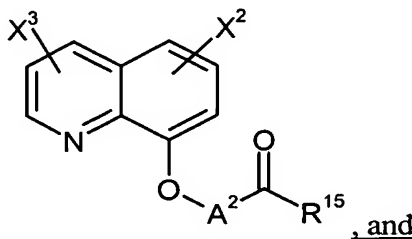


isoxazoline-3-carboxylate (~~ef. also related compounds in WO A-91/08202~~), 1,3-dimethylbut-1-yl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxyacetate, 4-allyloxybutyl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxyacetate, 1-allyloxyprop-2-yl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxyacetate, methyl 5-chloroquinoxaline-8-oxyacetate, ethyl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxyacetate, allyl 5-chloroquinoxaline-8-oxyacetate, 2-oxoprop-1-yl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxyacetate, diethyl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxymalonate, diallyl 5-chloroquinoxaline-8-oxymalonate, diethyl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxymalonate (~~ef. also related compounds in EP A-582198~~), 4-carboxychroman-4-ylacetic acid (AC-304415, ~~ef. EP A-613618~~), 4-chlorophenoxyacetic acid, 3,3'-dimethyl-4-methoxybenzophenone, 1-bromo-4-chloromethylsulphonylbenzene, 1-[4-(N-2-methoxybenzoylsulphamoyl)phenyl]-3-methylurea (also known as N-(2-methoxybenzoyl)-4-[(methylaminocarbonyl)amino]benzenesulphonamide), 1-[4-(N-2-methoxybenzoylsulphamoyl)phenyl]-3,3-dimethylurea, 1-[4-(N-4,5-dimethylbenzoylsulphamoyl)phenyl]-3-methylurea, 1-[4-(N-naphthylsulphamoyl)phenyl]-3,3-dimethylurea, and N-(2-methoxy-5-methylbenzoyl)-4-(cyclopropylaminocarbonyl)benzenesulphonamide,

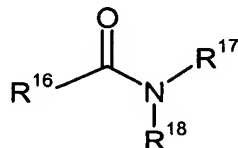
and/or one of the following compounds, defined by general formulae, or selected from a group consisting of a compound of the general formula (IIa)



[[or]] a compound of the general formula (IIb)



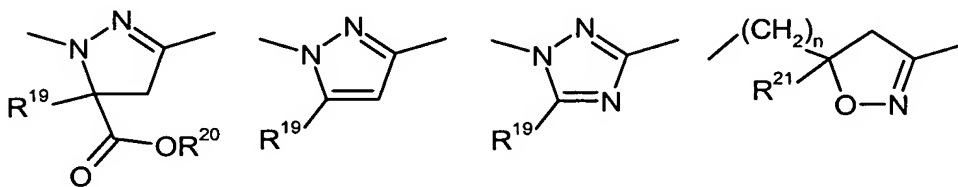
[[or]] a compound of the formula (IIc)



where

n represents a number from 0 to 5,

A<sup>1</sup> represents one of the following divalent heterocyclic groups ~~groupings shown~~ below,



wherein n is as defined above,

~~n~~ represents a number between 0 and 5,

A<sup>2</sup> represents ~~optionally C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl and/or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl substituted~~ alkanediyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl,

R<sup>14</sup> represents ~~hydroxyl~~ hydroxy, mercapto, amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylamino or di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)amino,

R<sup>15</sup> represents ~~hydroxyl~~ hydroxy, mercapto, amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylamino or di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)-amino,

- R<sup>16</sup> represents ~~in each case optionally fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine-substituted~~ C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine and bromine,
- R<sup>17</sup> represents hydrogen, ~~in each case optionally fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine-substituted~~ C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkynyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine and bromine, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, dioxolanyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, furyl, furyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, piperidinyl, ~~[[or]]~~ phenyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine~~[[ ]]~~, chlorine~~[[ ]]~~ ~~and/or~~ and bromine~~[[ ]]~~, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl-substituted phenyl,
- R<sup>18</sup> represents hydrogen, ~~in each case optionally fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine-substituted~~ C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkynyl in each case optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, and bromine, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, dioxolanyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, furyl, furyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, piperidinyl, or phenyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine~~[[ ]]~~, chlorine~~[[ ]]~~ and ~~and/or~~ bromine~~[[ ]]~~, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl-substituted phenyl, or R<sup>18</sup> together with R<sup>17</sup> represents C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkanediyl or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-oxaalkanediyl, each of which is optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, phenyl, furyl, a fused benzene ring or by two substituents which, together with the C atom to which they are attached, form a 5- or 6-membered carbocycle,
- R<sup>19</sup> represents hydrogen, cyano, or halogen, or ~~represents in each case optionally fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine-substituted~~ C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl or phenyl in each case optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine and bromine,
- R<sup>20</sup> represents hydrogen, or optionally ~~[[hydroxyl-]]~~ hydroxy-, cyano-, halogen- or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl or tri(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)silyl,

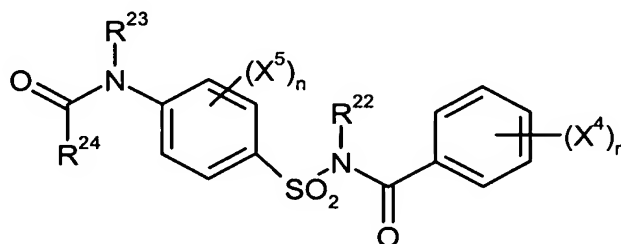
$R^{21}$  represents hydrogen, cyano, or halogen, or ~~represents in each case optionally~~  
~~fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine substituted~~  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_6$ -cycloalkyl or  
phenyl in each case optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected  
from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine and bromine,

$X^1$  represents nitro, cyano, halogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy or  
 $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkoxy,

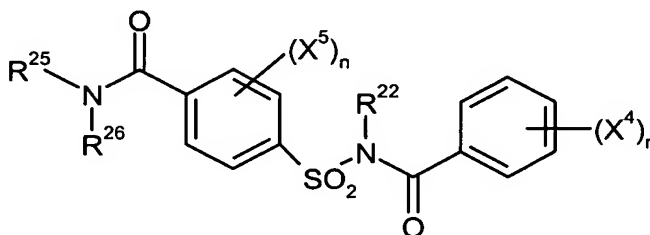
$X^2$  represents hydrogen, cyano, nitro, halogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -  
alkoxy or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkoxy,

$X^3$  represents hydrogen, cyano, nitro, halogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -  
alkoxy or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkoxy,

~~and/or the following compounds, defined by general formulae, or selected from~~  
the group consisting of a compound of the general formula (IIc)



[[or]] and a compound of the general formula (IId)



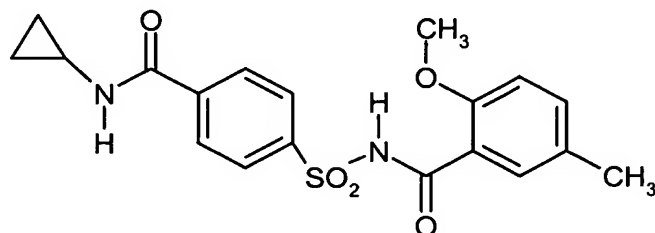
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$n$  represents a number from 0 to 5,

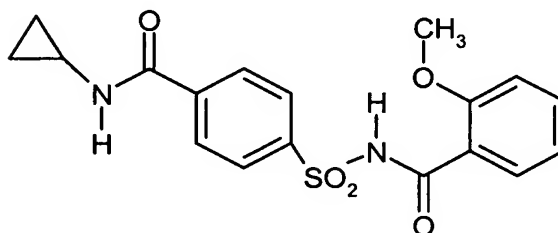
- R<sup>22</sup> represents hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl,
- R<sup>23</sup> represents hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl,
- R<sup>24</sup> represents hydrogen, in each case optionally cyano-, halogen- or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylamino or di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)amino, or in each case optionally cyano-, halogen- or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl-substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyloxy, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkylthio or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkylamino,
- R<sup>25</sup> represents hydrogen, optionally cyano-, [[hydroxyl-]] hydroxy-, halogen- or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, in each case optionally cyano- or halogen-substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkynyl, or optionally cyano-, halogen- or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl-substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl,
- R<sup>26</sup> represents hydrogen, optionally cyano-, [[hydroxyl-]] hydroxy-, halogen- or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, in each case optionally cyano- or halogen-substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkynyl, optionally cyano-, halogen- or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl-substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl, or optionally nitro-, cyano-, halogen-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy- or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy-substituted phenyl, or R<sup>26</sup> together with R<sup>25</sup> ~~represents~~ in each case represent optionally C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl-substituted C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkanediyl or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-oxaalkanediyl,
- X<sup>4</sup> represents nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, formyl, sulphamoyl, ~~hydroxyl~~ hydroxy, amino, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy, and
- X<sup>5</sup> represents nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, formyl, sulphamoyl, ~~hydroxyl~~ hydroxy, amino, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy.

13. (currently amended) ~~Composition~~ The composition according to Claim 12, where the crop plant compatibility-improving compound is selected from the following group consisting of compounds:

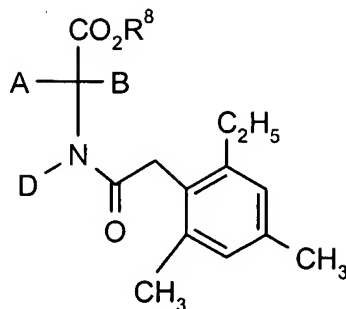
cloquintocet-mexyl, fenclorazole-ethyl, isoxadifen-ethyl, mefenpyr-diethyl, furilazole, fenclorim, cumyluron, dymron, ~~or the compounds~~



and



14. (currently amended)      ~~Composition~~ The composition according to Claim 12 or 13 where the crop plant compatibility-improving compound is cloquintocet-mexyl or mefenpyr-diethyl.
15. (currently amended)      ~~Method~~ A method for controlling unwanted vegetation, ~~characterized in that~~ comprising contacting a composition according to Claim 12 is ~~allowed to act on with the plants unwanted vegetation or their habitat.~~
16. (cancelled)
17. (currently amended)      ~~Compounds~~ A compound of the formula (II)



(II)

in which

A represents hydrogen, in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxyalkyl or alkylthioalkyl or optionally substituted cycloalkyl,

B represents hydrogen, alkyl or alkoxyalkyl,

D represents in each case an optionally substituted radical selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, and cycloalkyl, or

A and D together with the atoms to which they are attached form a saturated or unsaturated cycle which optionally contains at least one heteroatom in the A,D moiety and which is unsubstituted or substituted in the A,D moiety, and

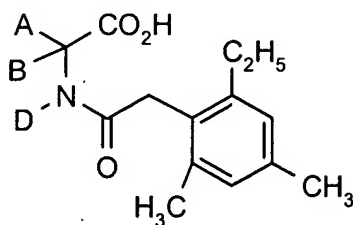
R<sup>8</sup> represents alkyl.

A, B, D, and R<sup>8</sup> are as defined above,

where D may not represent hydrogen.

18. (currently amended)

Compounds A compound of the formula (XVI)



(XVI)

in which

A represents hydrogen, in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxyalkyl or alkylthioalkyl or optionally substituted cycloalkyl,

B represents hydrogen, alkyl or alkoxyalkyl,

D represents in each case an optionally substituted radical selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, and cycloalkyl, or

A and D together with the atoms to which they are attached form a saturated or unsaturated cycle which optionally contains at least one heteroatom in the A,D moiety and which is unsubstituted or substituted in the A,D moiety.

A, B and D are as defined above,

where D may not represent hydrogen.

19. (currently amended) ~~Process~~ A process for preparing 2-ethyl-4,6-dimethylphenylacetic acid, ~~characterized in that~~ comprising reacting 2-ethyl-4,6-dimethylbromobenzene ~~and with~~ with tert-butyl acetate ~~are reacted, if appropriate optionally~~ in the presence of a base, a phosphine ligand, a palladium compound and a diluent, and subsequently reacted contacting with an acid.